

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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DEGENERATION

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2006. Please deduct any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 that are required for this response, including any excess claims fees, from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013882KG.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.